

# SPORTING NEWS AND COMMENT

UP TO DATE SHEEPSHEAD TRACK WAS THE ONLY PLACE THESE COULD BE SEEN YESTERDAY

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## BELDAME WON GREAT VICTORY ON HER MERITS

No Fluke Attended Running of Suburban Handicap at Sheepshead.

Beldame's victory in the Suburban was very gratifying. Racegoers think a heap of Beldame. If a vote was taken for the most popular racehorse in the country, Beldame would win by a block. She won in her old form or something very close to it. She ran a better race than the writer believed she would, because in her other races this spring she has never shown the snap and dash and vigor that characterized her race yesterday.

Beldame won on her merits. The race was no fluke. It was truly run. The choices were away well. Even Proper behaved himself and broke well. The only horse that had no chance was Ostrich, who was slow to begin, and Crimmins promptly pulled him up, because he has changed from a rough-and-ready, daring lad to a timid youngster, who fears to dive into a bunch. Hence Ostrich had no chance.

Delhi had all his speed, but cracked at the end of a mile. When Beldame went to him, Delhi finally told her to box and retired. Delhi is a good horse when he can have his own way. He is like the boxer who can stand off any fighter for six rounds but is sure to be licked in a finish bout.

Proper ran his best race. Jacquin was going very easily for a mile, but the pace and the route finally told him, and he succumbed. No one can reconcile First-Mason's race with his previous performances this year, and it is charity to say that he merely improved.

The race was a crowning good one, even if the class of horses was poor and below the average. The attendance fell below the average. In fact, it was the lightest attendance in some years.

### "Mets" Show Their Nerve.

The most remarkable happening of yesterday was the attempt of the Metropolitan Turf Association to regulate the affairs of the betting ring. Eighty chairs were laid out in the big ring, and of these eighty ten were occupied by men who had been in the back line and who had been promoted to the coveted places when some of the "Mets" retired from the slaughter during the last season.

This left seventy seats for the "Mets," but there were more than seventy who wanted to sit in the ring. There were no places for them, unless the back-line men were forced to retire. This the Metropolitan Turf Association had the brass front to demand. Of course the "Mets" refused to strike, then the "Mets" threatened to strike. They refused to back book. No prices were quoted on the race, and the jockey club, finally the "Mets" could not resist the temptation to sit in and get the money, and so the betting strike ended.

### Where on earth did the members of the Metropolitan Turf Association get the idea that they were entitled to regulate the betting ring?

The "Mets" were paying \$100 per day for the choice of seats in the ring. It is no reason for their demand for the seating of the outsiders that they pay nothing. They are entitled to no more privilege or place in the betting ring than the outsider. Mr. T. A. Wheeler, there should be no distinction in the ring, and the latest edition of the "Mets" is the latest edition of the "Mets" ever seen in a race track.

### Wheellock and Jones Bluff.

It is said that Messrs. Wheellock and Jones threatened that if the outsiders were not removed they would not book the race. This would book out on the lawn or anywhere they chose. It also said that the "Mets" had heard of this threat, instructed the Pinkerton men to escort Jones and Wheellock to the races, if they tried any such thing.

It is a pity that the resolutions of Messrs. Wheellock and Jones were carried out. However, it is doubtful if they ever had any idea of striking. They were simply making a good bluff. Mr. Cavanaugh would have been the first to move up the bluff, and then into the seats vacated by the "Mets," and then the "Mets" would have been the outsiders.

## 'T WAS VARIED BALL PLAYED BY GRIF'S MEN AND WHITE SOX

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